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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/688,397

Title:	Method and Apparatus for Managing a Hierarchy of Nodes		
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Examiner:	Randal Moran	Group Art Unit:	2435
Docket No.:	200309650-3		

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

1. This Transmittal Letter; and
2. Response to Notification of Noncompliant Appeal Brief (4 pages).

Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If after the document(s) filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is required for timely filing of the document(s), an extension of time is hereby requested.

Fees

- ☒ No additional fees required.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees required and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,
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